Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

May 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.7 percent between April 2008 and May 2008 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 1.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.9 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the May All-items Index increased from April 2008 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, housing replacement cost and mortgage interest costs. Prices also rose for traveller accommodations, passenger vehicle insurance premiums, inter-city transportation and fresh fruit.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, women's clothing and men's clothing. Prices also fell for sugar and confectionery, non-alcoholic beverages and homeowners' maintenance and repairs.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.2 percent between May 2007 and May 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.2 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.0 percent and 4.6 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The May All-items Index increased from May 2007 primarily due to raised prices for housing replacement cost, gasoline and mortgage interest cost. Prices also increased for homeowners' home and mortgage insurance, other owned accommodation expenses, rent and food purchased from restaurants.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle insurance premiums and natural gas. Prices also decreased for recreational equipment and services, purchase and operation of recreational vehicles, fresh fruit and sugar and confectionery.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	May 2008	Apr. 2008	Apr. 2008 to May 2008	May 2007 to May 2008
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.2	115.4	0.7	3.2
Food	112.8	112.7	0.1	1.4
Shelter	134.4	133.3	0.8	11.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	102.1	102.3	-0.2	1.4
Clothing and Footwear	95.0	96.1	-1.1	-0.4
Transportation	119.1	116.6	2.1	-1.0
Health and Personal Care	106.0	105.8	0.2	0.0
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.1	103.2	0.9	0.1
Tobacco and Alcohol	130.5	130.2	0.2	4.7
All-Items Excluding Energy	112.9	112.6	0.3	2.8
Energy	147.0	141.7	3.7	6.0
CANADA				
All-Items	114.6	113.5	1.0	2.2
Food	114.6	113.5	1.0	1.9
Shelter	121.6	121.2	0.3	4.8
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.3	104.4	-0.1	1.3
Clothing and Footwear	93.0	94.3	-1.4	-3.1
Transportation	123.6	120.1	2.9	2.4
Health and Personal Care	108.6	108.3	0.3	1.1
Recreation, Education and Reading	102.9	101.6	1.3	0.7
Tobacco and Alcohol	127.4	126.7	0.6	1.8
All-Items Excluding Energy	111.0	110.5	0.5	1.3
Energy	158.4	150.2	5.5	11.5
REGINA				
All-Items	115.4	114.4	0.9	3.0
SASKATOON				
All-Items	117.6	116.9	0.6	4.6

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Apr. 2008 to May 2008	May 2007 to May 2008
Canada	1.0	2.2
Newfoundland	0.8	2.8
Prince Edward Island	1.9	4.1
Nova Scotia	1.4	3.5
New Brunswick	1.0	2.1
Quebec	1.1	2.3
Ontario	1.0	1.8
Manitoba	0.7	1.6
Saskatchewan	0.7	3.2
Alberta	0.7	3.7
British Columbia	0.9	2.1
Whitehorse	1.6	3.7
Yellowknife	0.7	4.0
Iqaluit	0.7	1.7

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Apr. 2008 to May 2008	May 2007 to May 2008
St. John's	0.7	2.8
Charlottetown-Summerside	1.8	4.1
Halifax	1.2	3.3
Saint John	1.2	2.3
Quebec City	1.1	2.3
Montreal	1.1	2.3
Ottawa	1.2	1.7
Toronto	1.0	1.9
Thunder Bay	0.9	1.7
Winnipeg	0.7	1.8
Regina	0.9	3.0
Saskatoon	0.6	4.6
Edmonton	0.6	4.1
Calgary	0.9	4.0
Vancouver	1.0	2.4
Victoria	0.8	1.9
Whitehorse	1.6	3.7
Yellowknife	0.7	4.0
Iqaluit	0.7	1.7

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